services, acquisition of gas compression units for presure maintenance in depleting oil reerves and early commercial production of new oilfields.

Bifurcation of Telecommunication Research Centre

3575. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to bifurcate the Telecommunication Research Centre;

(b) if so, the date from which the proposal would be implemented;

(c) the reasons for bifurcating the Research Centre; and

(d) what would be the role of each division after bifurcation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the proposal has been implemented from 3-8-1988 onwards.

(c) The TRC was set up in 1955 for:

(i) undertaking basic R&D

(ii) new products development in the field of Telecommunications and to furnish the necessary higher level technical support to the department.

Although valuable work was done by the TRC over the years, a basic conflict in the two roles of the TRC was observed in actual practice.

To overcome the short comings and bring back focus on the two important but seperate activities and make the organisation more performance oriented it was decided to re-organise the existing TRC into two separate units.

(d) Existing TRC has been bifurcated into two units; viz;

(i) Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC); and

(ii) Telecom. Research Centre (TRC).

Role of these units are under:

(i) TEC—This will be an S&T institution in term of instructions issued by Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet and will continue to work as a part of the Department of Telecommunications. This unit will carry out the following activities:—

(1) Support to field units for local network and to Directorate for the national network planning;

(2) Coordination and Evaluation of new products equipments and systems developed by all development agencies;

(3) Drawing up of engineering specifications for new products equipment, systems and networks to be used in network of the Department of Telecommunications;

(4) Provide engineering support to the Department in tender evaluation, trial of equipment and adaptation for the network;

(5) Investigation into operational problems, minor modifications to equipment, methods, etc.

(6) Software support to operations; and

(7) Support to field units in development of tools and test and maintenance aids for specific problems and local system needs.

(ii) TRC(New)—This new TRC is an autonomous Scientific Society with total authority and flexibility. This society will be funded by the Department of Telecom. & has been registered under Act XXI of 1860 & came into force w.e.f. 3-8-1988: This unit will carry out the following activities:—

(1) Develop new products specifically required in the transmission area of telecommunications network public, private and specialised;

(2) Develop new technologies in the field for telecommunications; and

(3) Carry out basic research required for development of new technology, products and their applications.

Import of crude oil from Iraq

3576. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to import crude oil from Iraq during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what is quantum of crude oil proposed to be imported;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to import crude oil from some other countries also; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. It is prosoped to import 3.5 million tonnes of crude oil from Iraq during the year 1988-89.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The other countries from which crude oil is to be imported in 1988-89 are USSR, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iran and Kuwait.

Three-box car project by Maruti Udyog Limited

3577. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maruti Udyog Limited has taken steps to diversify its activities;

(b) whether it has taken up a Three-box car project;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the amount of loan sought by Maruti Udyog Limited from International markekt for different purposes?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) The proposal of Maruti Udyog Ltd. for manufacture of a 1000 c.c. 3-Box car, at an estimated cost of Rs. 97.90 crores, has since been approved by the Govt. The Project is to be financed by internally generated resources of Maruti Udyog Ltd. additional equity from Suzuki Motor Company and foreign exchange loans. The manufacture of 1000 c.c. cars, in addition to existing 800 c.c. model, will be taken up at the existing plant of Maruti Udyog Ltd. in Gurgaon and production is likely to commence in the second half of 1990.

(d) A foreign exchange loan of US $ 50 million is proposed to be raised for this project by MUL.

पूर्वी दिल्ली में एल०पी जी० के डबल बाटल कनैक्शन के आवंटन का बंद किया जाना

3578. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंग कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन ऑयल कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड के तरलीकृत पेट्रोलियम गस के वितरकों ने, विशेषरूप से पूर्वी दिल्ली में डबल बाटल कनक्शन का आवंटन करना बंद कर दिया है जिससे उपभोक्ताओं में भारी रोष व्याप्त हो गया है और वितरक खाली सिलेंडरों के स्थान पर भरे हुए गैस सिलेंडरों की सप्लाई भी समय पर नहीं कर रहे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि उपर्युक्त (क) का उत्तर "हां" में हो तो उसके क्या कारण है, और इसके परिणामस्वरूप उपभोक्ताओं को हुई परेशानी को कब तक दूर करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) और (ख) एल० पी० जी० वितरकों को